Statement

Merger of Departments in the Central Government

Sl. No.	Departments(s) to be Merged	Ministry/Department in which to be Merged
1.	Department of Administrative Reforms	Cabinet Secretariat
2.	Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (to be renamed as Department of Agriculture)
3.	Departments of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs, Official languages and Inter-State Council	Ministry of Home Affairs
4.	Department of Consumer Affairs	Department of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution
5.	Department of Fertilizers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals
6.	Departments of Family, Welfare; Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy	Department of Health
7.	Departments of Industrial policy and Promotion, Industrial Development; Public Enterprises; Heavy Industry; Small Scale Industries; Agro and Rural Industries and Ministry of Textiles.	To be merged into a new single department called Department of Industrial Development
8.	Departments of Culture; Youth Affairs and Sports; Women and Child Development	Department of Education
9.	Departments of Food Procurement and Distribution; Food processing industries	Department of Food
10.	Ministry of Non-Conventional energy Resources	Ministry of Power
11.	Department of Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation; Deptt. of Waste Land Development	Department of Rural
12.	Deptt. Of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation	Department of Urban Development
13.	Department of Statistics	Department of Planning
14.	Anticorruption wing of the CBI	Central Vigilance Commission

Opening of Regional Office of Staff Selection Commission in Kerala

581. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional offices of Staff Selection Commission in the country, alongwith the locations thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to open a regional office of SSC in Kerala considering the high literacy rate in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALA-SUBRAMONIYAN): (a) At present SSC has seven regional offices. The regional offices are located at new Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Mumbai, Allahabad, Guwahati, Bangalore. There are two sub-regional offices at Raipur and Chandigarh.

(b) No, Sir.

Abandoning of Drilled Wells before attaining the required depth

582. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the wells drilled by the Bay Exploration Project of Oil India Ltd. along Mahanadi Basin and the North East Coast were abandoned before attaining the required depth; and

(b) if so, the number of wells drilled in the area since the Bay Exploration Project was set up and the reasons for abandoning them before attaining the required depth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited has drilled 7 wells in Mahanadi Off-shore, 4 wells in Mahanadi On-shore and 4 wells in NEC Off-shore areas i.e. a total of 15 wells. Out of these 3 wells reached the required depth, 6 wells encountered basement or crystalline rocks, therefore, further drilling had to be terminated. The remaining 6 wells were not drilled upto target depth due to downhole problems.

Targets and Production of Crude Oil

583. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and the actual production of crude oil during each of the last three years in each oil producing State;

(b) whether the production has been decreasing during these years;

(c) if so, the total value and quantity imported during each of the last three years;

(d) the comparative off-shore and on-shore crude oil production at present; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the import and to increase the domestic production of crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a), (b) and (d) The targets and achievements of crude oil production during the last three years State-wise and the comparative figures of off-shore and on-shore production are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) The total value and quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years was as under:—